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Replacement of Medical Council of India (MCI) with National Medical Commission (NMC)

Docs Stage Protest

Medical services in city not affected

Mysuru, Jan.2 (RK&NNN)- Doctors of many private hospitals in city wore black badges and attended to patients, protesting against the proposed law that aims to replace the Medical Council of India (MCI) with National Medical Commission (NMC), here today. Hospitals were seen functioning normally as all the departments including Out-Patient Department (OPD) and surgery departments. Meanwhile, many cities in the country observed the 12-hour nationwide strike (6 am to 6 pm).

Dr. M.S. Vishweshwara, President, Indian Medical Association (IMA), Mysore Branch, told *SOM* that as they had received the communication from IMA yesterday afternoon regarding the All-India strike call, they were unprepared for a complete bandh of the functioning of the private hospitals.

"We decided to participate in the protest by wearing black badges as many patients will have sought prior appointments both in the OPD and surgery departments and we cannot abruptly cancel them. However, our support to the strike is cent percent," he said.

However, he said that members of IMA will present a memorandum in protest against the replacement of MCI with NMC to DC D. Randeep and MP Pratap Simha at 4.30 this evening.

According to Dr. B.H. Manjunath, BJP City President, a few of the hospitals have closed the OPDs and the protest by the doctor fraternity is 100 percent because of the immense problems it would create to both the patients and doctors.

JSS Hospital, Apollo BGS Hospital, Columbia Asia Hospital, Chandrakala Hospital, Vidyaranya Hospital, Sushrutha Hospital, Cauvery Hospital, Kamakshi Hospital as also diagnostic labs and private clinics were all functioning normally.

(See PROTEST on page 8)

Doctors, wearing black bands, seen examining a patient at a hospital in city this morning.

Helmet Quality Checking Drive

Police seize non-ISI marked helmets; Request public to inform Police about places where non-ISI helmets are being sold

Non-ISI marked helmets seized by Police at Jawa under-bridge in city this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (KS)- Keeping in mind the safety of motorists (two-wheeler riders) and also to prevent fatalities through head injuries, the Mysuru City Police (both Civil and Traffic) began their drive against motorists wearing non-Indian Standards Institute (ISI) mark helmets in city this morning.

Stationed at vantage points in city, the Police personnel were seen stopping two-wheeler riders and checking their helmets (both rider and pillion). The Police seized helmets worn by two-wheeler riders which did not have ISI marks as they do not comply with the safety standards. The Police personnel after seizing the helmets were seen pasting the vehicle number and the phone number of the rider on the helmets besides advising them to buy ISI mark helmets for the safety of their precious lives.

ASI Venkatesh and Constable S. Mohan Kumar of V.V. Puram Police Station, who were conducting the drive near Yadavagiri Under-Bridge, told *SOM* that the drive against non-ISI mark helmets was supposed to start yesterday but as it was a New Year day, they have commenced the drive from today.

He said that the non-ISI mark helmets which are seized by them would be handed over to the jurisdictional Traffic Police Stations for futher action.

Meanwhile, DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, speaking to *SOM,* said that the drive against non-ISI mark helmets began at 9 am today and would continue throughout the day. He said that the helmets which are seized during the drive would be destroyed and added that places where such helmets are sold on roadsides are being raided and the helmets seized there too are also being destroyed.

Public can inform the Police about the places where such helmets are being sold by calling the Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339 so that the Police can take action, he added.

He said that the drive would be intensified in the days to come.

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Mysuru, Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Language and Literature

Scholars revel in scripting their literary works. Languages, the vehicle for their works, many-splendored until the land's politicos indulged in *dividing* the masses by instigating various linguistic groups to erupt in the cause of their respective tongues. Lobbying, by well-marked vested interests, for enforcing Hindi as the *only* official language of administration for the entire nation during the initial post-independence years, but ultimately leading to the policy of English keeping company with Hindi at the national level and the *three-language* formula in non-Hindi regions is now history. The three-language formula continues to suffer from the hierarchy issue of which language should be used below which other language in the signages both in public spaces and in government offices. Such a matter was resolved in Canada years ago when that country's Francophiles agitated for the cause of French to be exclusive official language in their regions. In Karnataka, Kannada leads Hindi and English on the signboards.

Sanskrit, considered in the scholarly circles as an Indo-European language, and also as an ancient Indian language as well as the origin of most of India's tongues, has suffered disfavour by many sections of society for reasons not far to seek. The fact that it is one of the 22 *official* languages of India doesn't amount to much, given the popularly accepted verdict that it is a *dead language*. Mysuru has the dubious distinction of hosting a publisher of India's only Sanskrit daily, even as sustaining it for long is suspect.

Speakers of all hues among the vote-seeking fraternity (read political whole-timers) take fascination to use the expression "six crore Kannadigas" giving the false meaning that Kannada is the tongue of the *entire* population of the State, in a laughable attempt to impress their captive audiences. The lament that the number of residents of Bengaluru who speak in daily commerce tongues other than Kannada is rising at an alarming pace is voiced from public platforms and on various occasions not resulting in any makeover towards the above expression of six crore Kannadigas in Karnataka. The other lament that the quality of literary works by contemporary writers, barring exceptions, has gone down in our times is only heard without triggering any action on the part of littérateurs of Karnataka.

People of the land whose tongues are many owe it to their *respective* languages as well as themselves to communicate in daily life, read literary works and also *dailies*, write to lure readers and also respect the littérateurs amidst them. At a recent event of book release in city, one of the speakers opined that language will *grow* only when used in literature. The connect between the two is more complex than what was made out to be. Scholars have to debate the matter for its better perception.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Karl Marx predicted a "class war" between the toiling masses and the capitalists who exploited them. But far greater wars rage in our Indian households between daughters-in-law and mothers-in-law. Little wonder that "saas-bahu" skirmishes are the very staple of our serials, and don't we just lap it up? If you ask me, late night serials are way ahead of religion when it comes to being the opiate of the masses. Why do people equate war with armed conflicts only? Parliaments the world over are repositories of the delightful war of words. Benjamin Disraeli and Ewart Gladstone, Parliamentarians of 19th century England, are the ones who come to mind first. Gladstone piqued his opponent saying, "You sir, will certainly die upon the gallows or of a social disease." Disraeli's repartee was classic: "That depends sir, upon whether I embrace your principles or your mistress."

— P. K. Kuruvilla in Deccan Herald.

NEWS SPARKLERS

"Another 'life of Pie'"

Mauritius: Zbigniew Reket, 54, was pulled from the waters, along with Samira, by the French coastguard after his lengthy time at sea. He said that his cat was his only company and that he survived on fish that he caught after his Chinese soup rations – enough for just one month – ran out. He was rescued in his modified lifeboat after being spotted by the crew of a yacht on Christmas Day close to the island of Reunion, close to Mauritius. Reket said that when he left the Comoros Islands in May he was trying to get to South Africa but his boat broke down. He bought the boat, which was originally a lifeboat for a cruise ship, in Alang, India. He headed for Jakarta, but the mast broke, so he headed for the Comoros Islands, where he found Samira. There he spent two years, repairing his boat and trying to get back to Poland via the Polish embassy in Kenya. If his trip had been successful he would have sailed 1,200 miles, through the Mozambique Channel, which is a busy shipping route. Rescuers said that he was in good health and undernourished, but a charity has clothed and fed him.

Kebab on a mission into space !

Zurich: Pascal Leuthold, a businessman, blasted the kofta 124,000ft through the sky on a weather balloon this week.

Witnesses in Zurich, Switzerland, saw the kebab soar into the air for an epic voyage through the Stratosphere — and then crash back down to Earth some two hours later. The drunken's delicacy came back down frozen solid.

Pascal spent three months planning the launch to mark the opening of his Zurich restaurant, which resembles a rocket.

'We thought what better way to announce our new chain to the world, than launching one of our kebabs into space,' said the Chef. 'We are all very proud that we actually managed to pull this off – it took about three months to plan and film. What started as a bit of a joke actually turned into a really impressive event for us all.

'It feels very cool to have launched the first kebab into space.' he new restaurant is one of three establishments in Zurich part of the Ayverdi's takeaway chain.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How long does it take an average person to urinate?

The average human's bladder takes about 20 seconds to empty. Remarkably, it has been learned that all large mammals take about the same amount of time to urinate. Even an elephant empties its bladder in 22 seconds, at the rate of 1.5 gallons per second.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Cultural contests by Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha

Mysuru, Jan.2- Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha has organised cultural competitions (Dance, Drawing, Singing and Pick-and-Speak) at Kodagu Sahakara Sangha in Jayalakshmipuram on Jan.7 at 10.30 am. Ballachanda Naina Achappa will be the chief guest. Sangha President Balladichanda Jerry Ponnappa will preside.

Sangha members interested in taking part in the contests may contact Mob: 99015-36733 or 99642-36284, according to a press release.

Women's scheme info portal

New Delhi, Jan.2-The Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry has developed a new web portal, **NARI,** for women to provide them with "an easy access" to information about over 350 government schemes and initiatives taken for their welfare both at the State and Central level. The portal is set to be launched by the WCD Minister Maneka Gandhi today.

"Both the Central and the State Governments have implemented a number of schemes and laws for women to provide them equal rights, economic opportunities, social support, legal aid, housing etc. However, there is often a lack of awareness of these provisions and difficulties in accessing their benefits," a Ministry official said.

Information related to women- centric schemes and legislation are "all scattered" on different websites and portals. The **NARI** portal provides links to the government Ministries, Departments and autonomous bodies offering schemes meant for women.

New helpline for IT e-filing

New Delhi, Jan.2-The Income Tax Department on Monday notified a new helpline number for taxpayers who e-file their returns and conduct other tax-related businesses online.

The Department issued an advisory stating: "Attention taxpayers: e-Filing help desk number has been changed. New Help desk number is: **India Toll Free - 18001030025. Direct Number - +918046122000."**

Tax-payers use the e-filing portal of the Department to file their Income Tax Returns (ITRs) and perform other Income Tax related tasks on the web portal: *https://www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in.*

"The new helpline numbers can be called in case of any trouble on the e-filing portal," a senior official said. The Department has separate helpline numbers to take questions and queries on various other issues that a tax-payer faces.

Really...?

- ***At an altitude of 2,444 meters, the Chail Cricket Ground in Chail, Himachal Pradesh, is the highest in the world. It was built in 1893 and is a part of the Chail Military School.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

An old man was wondering if his wife had a hearing problem. So one night, he stood behind her while she was sitting in her chair. He spoke softly to her, "Honey, can you hear me?" There was no response. He moved a little closer and said again, "Honey, can you hear me?" Still, there was no response. Finally, he moved right behind her and said, "Honey, can you hear me?" She replied, "for the third time, yes!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 63.84
1 UK Pound	Rs. 86.19
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.38
1 Euro	= Rs. 76.64

VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru Winter Festival: Some suggestions

Sir,

During the last few days, we have experienced a festive look during the Mysuru Winter Festival-2017. Certainly, it has attracted the tourists and the local public to participate and enjoy various events during the period.

The Open Street Festival held on D. Devaraja Urs Road no doubt attracted large crowd, especially youth. Compliments to the District Authorities and other organisers, who have worked in a coordinated manner. However, there are a few issues, which need to be looked into while similar carnival or street festivals are organised in the years to come.

• The crowd on close to a kilometre length road was more than the law and order authorities could manage.

• The authorities were not prepared to handle any emergencies. In the event of stampede, fire or other eventualities, the exits were not clearly mentioned. At least every 200 mts distance on both side exits should be clearly exhibited and such exits should be free from hawkers and vehicles. No ambulance was seen in the area.

• The road is not equipped with the roadside fire hydrant system nor the shops and establishments with fire fighting facilities. Only in two places, extinguishers were found.

• The diesel power generators were installed on the roadside in an unsafe manner and all safety measures were clearly flouted.

• None of the eatery stalls were equipped to handle fire mishap or electrocution.

• The Help Desks at an interval of 200 mts would be desirable.

• The crowd was unwieldy and children had scary time.

• Public announcement system was missing which is essential in the event of any eventualities.

• Need more volunteers at various strategic locations.

• Authorities should look into safe Entry and Exit and easy flow of crowd. Crowd management needs further improvement.

I am sure the authorities will take note of the above observations during the future festivals.

—Ravichandra Bekal
V. V. Mohalla
31.12.2017

II

Sir,

First, I would like to congratulate the organisers of Mysuru Winter Festival for the grand success of all the events including the Open Street Festival on Devaraja Urs Road. This event can be done regularly but not at the cost of the loss of business.

My suggestion is that this Open Street event be held on M.G. Road from the stretch of JSS Hospital bridge to the Mysore Race Course (MRC) Circle and parking can be arranged at the Exhibition grounds.

Another option is Siddartha Layout Police Station Circle to Chamundi Hill entrance arch. Hope the authorities will look into this suggestion.

—Naveen Jain
Mysuru
31.12.2017

III

Sir,

Whoever is responsible for holding the Open Street Festival in the heart of the city is to be blamed. The people living in and around Urs Road were virtually under house arrest, what with vehicles parked anywhere and everywhere.

All roads and bylanes were blocked. This was a punishment for people living around this Central Business District.

I request the authorities concerned to hold such festivals in extensions where not much traffic exists.

—M. D. Krishna
Krishna Vilas Road
31.12.2017

Badminton player and Olympian Ashwini Ponnappa chosen

'Coorg Person of the Year - 2017'

Star Indian badminton player and Olympian Ashwini Ponnappa is the *'Coorg Person of the Year-2017.'* What clinched the title of Coorg Person besides her sporting achievements was Ashwini's decision to marry a fellow Kodava, instead of marrying outside her community.

Ashwini, who won a gold medal in the women's double event of the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games, was selected 'Coorg Person of the Year' in a poll conducted by *www.coorgtourisminfo.com,* Kodagu's first news portal, promoted by senior journalist P.T. Bopanna.

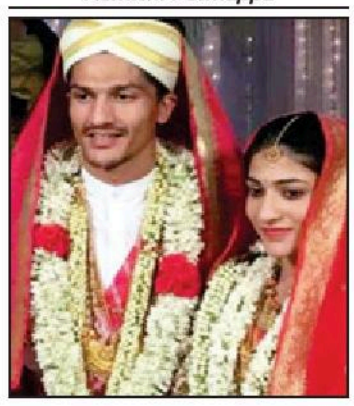
There was much rejoicing recently in the numerically small Kodava community following Ashwini's decision to marry a Kodava. Ashwini, who belongs to the Machimanda clan, married model Ponnachettira Karan Medappa *(see picture).*

The close-knit Kodavas (Coorgs), who number less than two lakhs, have been worried by the recent trend of community members marrying non-Kodavas.

The various social media groups of Kodavas went into an overdrive in the coverage of Ashwini's wedding held in Kodagu. One of the comments on Facebook said: *"Nice to see such an iconic sportswoman marry within the community."*

Ashwini Ponnappa is perhaps the youngest sportsperson from Kodagu to win the prestigious Arjuna Award. In 2011, the Indian duo of Ashwini and Jwala Gutta came up with one of their finest performances when they etched their names in history books by becoming the first Indian pair to ensure a medal at the World Badminton Championships. Ashwini and Jwala participated at the 2012 London Olympics together and missed the quarter-finals by a whisker under controversial circumstances.

Ashwini Ponnappa



Ashwini completed her schooling in Bengaluru and moved to Hyderabad for her Bachelor's Degree. Ashwini has played singles as well as mixed doubles. But she enjoys the women's doubles the most. *"That's because I get to 'hit, hit, hit' from the back. I don't particularly like playing from the net because I am good at smashes and those are played well from the back."*

Her father Ponnappa, who worked for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) at Hyderabad, was a hockey player and was in the Indian hockey camp during the 1982 Asiad.

Among the others who were nominated for this year's *'Coorg Person of the Year'* title include Iychettira Ravi Somaiah, who has built a sports facility for the public near Kushalanagar in Kodagu.

In the past, the winners of the title include Dr. Kaveri Nambisan, novelist (2005); Dr. Boverianda Nanjamma Chinnappa, researcher and writer (2006); Moodera Jagadeesh, scientist (2007); Air Marshal K.C. Cariappa, environmentalist (2008); cricketer Robin Uthappa (2009); tennis player Rohan Bopanna (2010); retired Tamil Nadu IAS Officer P.M. Belliappa (2011); technology innovator Vineet Devaiah (2012); birdman Dr. S.V. Narasimhan (2013); squash champion Joshna Chinappa (2014); athlete M.R. Poovamma (2015) and cartoonist Nala Ponnappa (2016).

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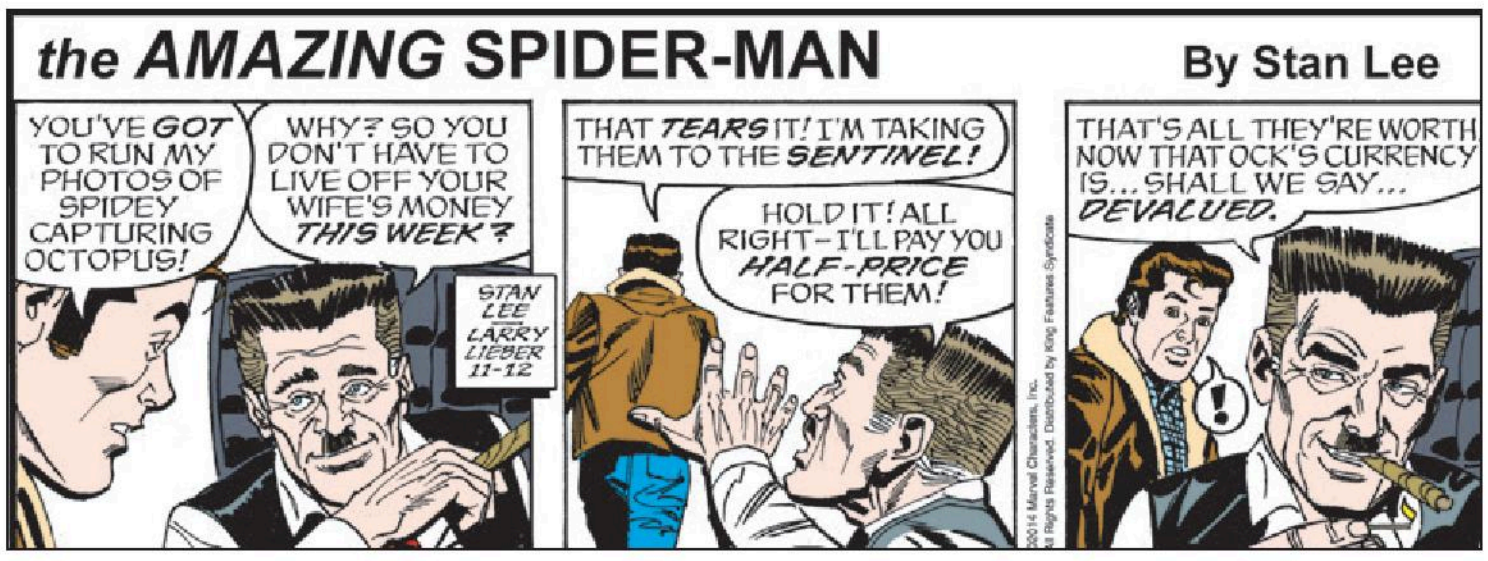
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NEWS BRIEFS

Hanuma Jayanti

The District Administration has, in principle, agreed to hold Hanuma Jayanti celebrations in Hunsur. The District Administration had withdrawn permission for Hanuma Jayanti at Hunsur on Dec.3 at the last minute, thus disappointing many. Now the Administration has given the nod for celebrating Hanuma Jayanthi and the date will be fixed after consulting all stake holders, it is learnt.

Swachh Mission

H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga has organised a programme at Ganabharathi on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar today (Jan.2) at 5.30 pm, to mark its 200th week Swachh Bharat Abhiyan programme and to release a short film. H.V. Rajeev will be felicitated on the occasion.

Retrieval of art exhibits

With Dasara Expo concluding on Dec.29, artistes who had exhibited their art samples at Fine Arts and Crafts section have been asked to collect the exhibits before Jan.10. For details, contact: 96162-04642.

Nidhi Apke Nikat

Nidhi Apke Nikat, replacing Bhavishyanidhi Adalat, will be held at the Sub-Regional Office, EPF Organisation, Bhavishyanidhi Bhavan, 2nd Stage, Gayatripuram, on Jan.10 in the following time slots for different stake-holders of EPF Organisation: Subscribers: 10.30 am to 1 pm; Trade Unions and Employers Assn.: 10.30 am to 1 pm; Employers: 3 pm to 4 pm; Exempted Establishments: 4 pm to 5 pm.

Suryanamaskara

As part of its 17th year anniversary and Rathasaptami celebrations, Mysuru Yoga Okkuta will be organising 108 Mass Suryanamaskara and Suryayajna have been organised at Mysore Palace premises on Jan.28 at 5.45 am. The Okkuta has invited people from various yoga schools and general public to participate in the programme. For details, contact Mob: 98860-83118 or 99456-23146.

Senior Citizens Meet

The monthly meeting of Senior Citizens Forum will be held at its Nandi Circle premises, Kanakadasanagar, on Jan.5 at 5.30 pm, according to Forum Secretary R.M. Chetty.

Elected unopposed

C. Madesh has been elected unopposed as the President of Mysore, Chamarajanagar and Mandya District KSRTC Employees Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., Mysuru, at the recently held elections.

MCC honours Swachhata partners

Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Jagadeesha are seen distributing awards to the winners of 'Swachh Mysuru Contest' at MCC Old Council Hall in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (SBD&VNS)- In an effort to encourage public participation in the cleanliness drive, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) yesterday gave away the awards for the winners of 'Swachh Mysuru Contest.' Various organisations and institutions were honoured for their contributions to keeping the city clean.

Mysuru, which was declared the 'Cleanest City in India' two consecutive times under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, slipped to the 5th place during the previous survey conducted in 2017 for the 'cleanest city.' But the MCC has been taking all measures to ensure that the city regains the top position as the cleanest city during the Swachhata Survekshan 2018. The City Corporation has been encouraging private institutions and organisations to participate in clean initiatives.

As part of the 'Swachh Mysuru' initiative, the MCC conducted competitions in five different categories — Swachh School, Swachh Hospital, Swachh Hotel, Swachh Housing Welfare Association and Swachh Market — for which the awards were distributed yesterday at the MCC Old Council Hall.

Speaking on the occasion, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha said that the City Corporation had organised competitions for various organisations to encourage their participation in the cleanliness drives to keep our city clean.

He also added that each month MCC would be honouring the drivers of the waste segregation vehicles and is planning to extend same to other Departments as well.

Meanwhile, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar said that if Mysuru had to regain the top spot as the cleanest city, public played a vital role.

He requested the public to download the Swachhata App and help the authorities to keep the city clean. Ravikumar added that the Swachhata Survekshan 2018 would commence from Jan.4 and public can call the toll free number 1969 and give their feedback.

Standing Committee on Health Chairman Mahadevappa, Finance Committee Chairman K.V. Mallesh, former Mayor Ayub Khan, Corporator J.S. Jagadish, Health Officers Dr. Nagaraj and Dr. Ramachandra and others were present.

WINNERS

Swachh School: 1. Government High School, Kuvempunagar, **2.** JSS High School, Metagalli, **3.** Government Higher Primary School, Manchegowdanakoppal.

Swachh Hospital: 1. JSS Hospital, **2.** Columbia Hospital, **3.** HHMBG (PHC) Hospital.

Swachh Hotel: 1. Southern Star, **2.** Royal Orchid Metropole, **3.** Mahesh Prasad.

Swachh Housing Welfare Association: 1. Mysore Bank Colony Welfare Association, Srirampura, **2.** Punarvasu Welfare Association, Kuvempunagar, **3.** Ramakrishnanagar G&H Block Welfare Association.

Swachh Market: 1. Devaraja Market, **2.** Mandi Market, **3.** Vani Vilas Market and Vendors Association, Agrahara.

This apart, consolation prizes were given to B.M. Sri Educational Institutions, Metagalli; JSS High School, Srirampura; JSS High School, J.P. Nagar; JSS Shishunala Shariffa High School, Udayagiri; JSS High School, Siddarthanagar; JSS High School, Saraswathipuram; Shanthala Vidyapeeta, Siddarthanagar; JSS High School, Lakshmipuram; JSS Practical School, Saraswathipuram, JSS Primary and High School, Hotel Rio Meridian and Rajiv Gandhi Residents Welfare Association, Rajiv Nagar.

Monthly award for MCC Vehicle Drivers: July - Mufeez Ahmed, August - N. Chandrashekar, September - Sridhar, October - Raghavendra, November - Maqbool Ahmed and December - Gunda.

Hi-tech toilet near Freedom Fighters Park

Mysuru, Jan.2 (US)- A hi-tech toilet established by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) near Freedom Fighters Park in Ward 36 was declared open yesterday by MLA Vasu.

The toilet has an exclusive section for physically-challenged people with aids like wheel-chair and hand stick. Also included are bathrooms for men and women with hot water facility.

Speaking on the occasion, Vasu said that the Rs.25 lakh modern toilet complex will be useful for the public especially for the strollers at the adjoining park. He added that the park would be further developed utilising Rs.25 lakh from the MLA's Local Area Development Fund.

Adding further, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar said that giving more thrust for cleanliness, such good toilets are opened in the city and appealed citizens to co-operate to maintain the city clean.

Corporator P. Prashanth, MCC Development Officer Jagadish, Assistant Engineer Manjunath, Corporator Shivakumar and others were present during the inauguration.

New Foreign Secretary

New Delhi, Jan.2- Seasoned diplomat Vijay Keshav Gokhale, considered an expert on China, was yesterday named the next Foreign Secretary succeeding S. Jaishankar, who completes his extended tenure later this month.

Vijay Keshav Gokhale

Gokhale, a 1981-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), had played a key role in India-China negotiations last year to resolve the 73-day standoff between Indian Army and Chinese People's Liberation Army at Doklam Plateau, a tri-junction between Sino-India and Bhutanese border.

He has held the posts of director (China and East Asia) and then joint secretary (East Asia) in the MEA. Jaishankar was appointed foreign secretary in January 2015, for two years, just a few days before his retirement, replacing Sujata Singh, whose term was abruptly curtailed by the government.

A 1977-batch IFS officer, Jaishankar was given a one-year extension in January last year.

MYSURU WINTER FESTIVAL

Flower Show draws to a close

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep and wife Arpitha Raj viewing the private collection of photographs on display during the last day of the Mysuru Winter Festival at the Mysore Palace yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan.2 (YDS&NNN)- Like the New York Time Square in US or the Sydney Opera House in Australia and many other landmark destinations in the world to celebrate the grand entry of the new year, the magnificent Mysore Palace could be a destination in the future to be, to ring in the new year.

This was the feeling of many, as the ten-day Mysuru Winter Festival, which was held for the first time and the Flower Show for the fourth year in a row drew to a close at the Mysore Palace yesterday (Jan.1).

The Flower Show and the Winter Festival, organised by the District Administration, the Mysore Palace Board and the Tourism Department, was a big success. The Palace premises looking like a fully decked up bride on all the ten days, was a treat to the eyes with the blooming 3.5 lakh flowers and a profusion of colours.

Thousands of people visited the Palace to see the Flower Show which attracted the old and young alike and the main attraction for the children included king cobra, elephants, tortoise, star fish, octopus, Chhota Bheem, Bala Krishna figures decorated using flowers, vegetables and fruits.

As yesterday was the last day, the Palace was teeming with more than expected number of tourists and visitors. Since the flow was very high, the entry point to the Palace was lined with people.

Bombe Mane: In the Bombe Mane competition, certificates were distributed to the winners Bhanuprakash Sharma, Geetha Srihari, Revathi Ramaswamy, Hemalatha Kumaraswamy, Nagaprasad, Anitha Achutha and Rajeshwari.

Horticulture: Certificates were distributed by Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep to Government Ayurveda Medical College, Ranga Rao and Sons, Brakes India Ltd., Nanjangudu, Horticulture Department, Mysuru, Vaishnavi Landscape, BEML, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) and Yadavagiri's Mahima Hegde.

3 personalities conferred awards

Mysuru, Jan.2- Three eminent personalities were conferred awards at a programme jointly organised by Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust and Dejagow Trust, marking the 114th birth anniversary of Kuvempu and Vishwamanava Day at Kuvempu Vidyavaradhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram, here on Sunday.

Tarini Chidanandagowda, daughter of Kuvempu, was conferred Vishwamanava Award, woman farmer activist K.S. Nandini Jayaram was conferred Savithramma Dejagow Award and Journalist Dr. N. Jagadish Koppa was conferred H.K. Veerannagowda Journalism Award on the occasion.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, Kannada Development Authority Chairman Dr. S.G. Siddaramaiah said that Kuvempu experienced life with nature while others saw life as human centric.

Pointing out that Kuvempu ignored criticism from some quarters when he wrote the great epic *Sri Ramanyana Darshanam,* he said that the undettered Kuvempu continued writing and earned a great name in the literary world.

Dr. Siddaramaiah also made a reference to Kuvempu's two works — *Malegalalli Madumagalu* and *Kanooru Heggadathi.*

Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust President Dr. J. Sashidhar Prasad, Kuvempu Vidya Parishat President Dr. D.K. Rajendra and others were Present.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Kuvempu.

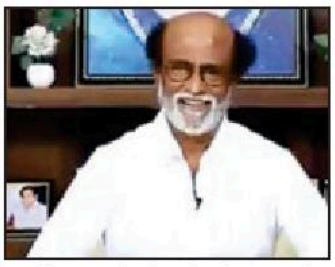
PMO website in Kannada

New Delhi, Jan.2- The website of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) *www.pmindia.gov.in* is now available in eleven regional languages, including Kannada.

The Kannada website can be accessed through *http://www.pmindia.gov.in/kn.*

The other languages are Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu, in addition to English and Hindi.

Rajini's politics debut picks up pace with website launch



Chennai, Jan.2- Just a day into his announcement, superstar Rajinikanth yesterday got down to the task of registering members of his yet-to-be launched political party right away. The 67-year-old actor asked people — his legion of followers and everyone else yearning for change in Tamil Nadu — to enrol themselves on his website.

"I have launched this website *rajinimandram.org* to coordinate fan club members and concerned citizens who want a good political transformation under one umbrella," Rajinikanth said in a 74-second video message put out on his Twitter handle.

Sitting against the backdrop of a poster of a yogic mudra that he had flashed on Sunday — a raised forefinger and little finger, with the tips of the middle finger, ring finger touching the thumb — Rajini asked people to come forward to "bring a good political change in TN."

Back in Time!

A Hawaiian Airlines flight took off in 2018 and landed in 2017!

Auckland, Jan.2- Passengers on Hawaiian Airlines's flight 446 experienced a bit of time travel to start off their New Year.

The flight, which travelled between Auckland, New Zealand and Honolulu, Hawaii, was scheduled to depart at 11.55 pm on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017. However, because of a 10-minute delay, the flight didn't end up taking off until 12.05 am on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

Due to the time difference between New Zealand and Hawaii — the former is 23 hours ahead of the latter — passengers ended up landing at 10.16 am, back on Dec.31 in 2017.

In between New Zealand and Hawaii is the international date line, which explains the hefty time difference between the two locales. Sam Sweeney, a transportation reporter for Washington, DC, station WJLA, was the first to notice the sci-fi-esque take-off and landing times of the flight.

Once Sweeney tweeted out his discovery, people took notice — and had quite a few questions. While others couldn't help but make plenty of pop culture jokes, from a confused Dr. Phil to Lost to Back to the Future.

Into a mixed-up, convoluted 2018

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Machimanda Deviah caught the spirit of our times when he posted: The black buck who was driving Salman Khan's car had killed Arushi Talwar because she did 2G scam which jumped to death from the Adarsh building. He might have added that Adarsh, caught in the Sohrabuddin fake encounter killing, was arrested for not linking his Aadhaar to the Vyapan scam whose GST was stolen by Lalu Prasad's fodder fiddlers who ate 1,000-rupee notes.

We live in a convoluted, topsy-turvy India where good is the same as evil and tricolour patriotism is anti-national. Things are so mixed up that we have no idea whether the New Year will be any better than the one dying. No New Year in recent memory is as worrisome as this one. We do not know what's the right thing to do and the wrong thing to say. We are at the mercy of the moment. And the moment is dominated by a new variety of violence that bears the stamp of approval and, therefore, brings no retribution.

The civilisational values traditionally attached to India, values of co-existence and tolerance, are occasionally asserted by a brave heart here and a defiant spirit there. Sometimes it is done for private satisfaction, sometimes to set a public example. Karnatak Musician T.M. Krishna, a brahminic dissenter who questions brahminic presumptions, sang Tamil sufi songs in Mumbai's historic Afghan church, ending the concert with an invocation to Allah. The fringe was angry, but the church was full.

At the other end of the spectrum, Christmas this year found a whole lot of patriots in a frenzy. In Rajasthan, they disrupted a function that was held with Police permission. In Aligarh, Christian schools were warned not to have any celebration. In Madhya Pradesh, carol singers were charged by the Government with outraging the religious feelings of people.

All this was no doubt on the assumption that Christmas means Christianity. That is a myth today. Christmas means commerce around the world. Marketing geniuses have developed a whole lot of ideas to bamboozle people of all faiths in the name of Christmas and New Year. Gift giving is at the centre of this trade. Christmas cakes, Christmas cookies, Christmas costumes, Christmas cocktails — these are what constitute Christmas today. Jesus Christ is in the picture, if at all, only as an absentee salesman.

Delve deeper and you will see how all-consuming has been the power of the marketing. Santa Clause, the big Christmas attraction, was a gimmick developed by Cocacola in the 1920s. Christmas cards, a million-dollar industry today, came out of a scribbled greeting an Englishman named Sir Henry Cole sent to some of his friends in 1843.

To see the irrelevance of Jesus Christ in all this, we only have to see the way Christmas is celebrated. Christmas trees, snow, reindeer and other aspects of European winter are associated with a birth in a Palestinian town known for heat and sand storms. Jesus Christ was a brown-skinned Asian. But the photo-representations of him present a fair-skinned, cat-eyed blonde from somewhere in Scandinavia. The fringe in India is the only group that has failed to see the disconnect between Christianity and Christmas.

India presents an odd-man-out profile with an intolerant religious creed at the government level. This changes the world's view of us. I write this from Bangkok. A headline in the first Western newspaper I saw here was: "Is India's growing hard line nationalism giving Hindu majority a licence to kill?" The world does not like what it sees in India.

They should learn from the Chinese. The Communist Party issued an official directive to its Youth League early in December not to participate in Christmas-related celebrations because "the youth must be role models in abiding to the faith of communism." That's at the ideological level. At the practical level, China is the world's biggest manufacturer and exporter of Christmas goodies — from artificial Christmas trees to fancy lighting. In Chinese cities Christmas is the biggest shopping season. They even organise special events — and yes, carol parties — to attract people to departments stores and shopping malls. A dozen churches in Beijing hold special music programmes attended by music lovers of all religions. The Chinese are a practical people. They do not let ideology interfere with their national economy.

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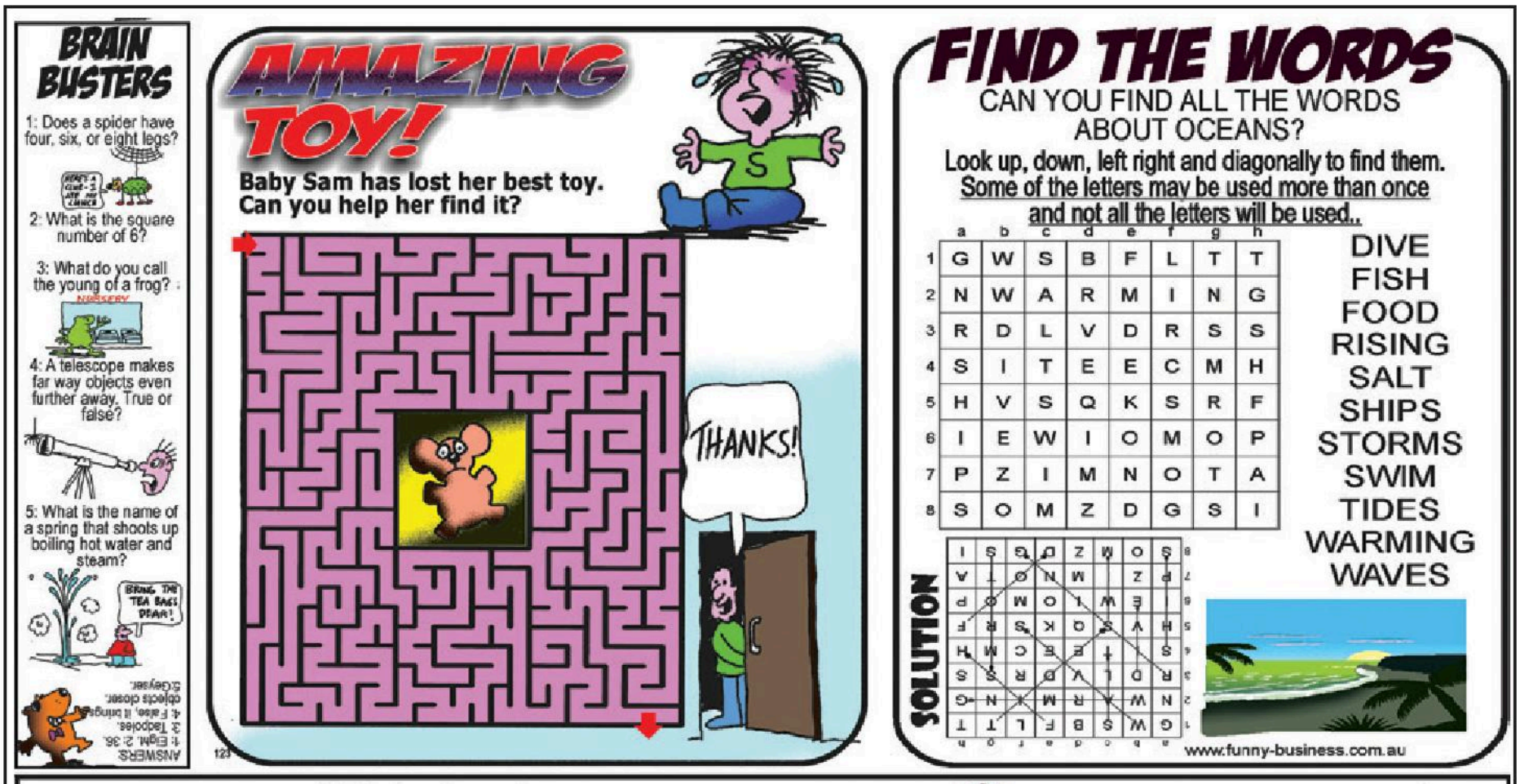
BRAIN BUSTERS
1: Does a spider have four, six, or eight legs?
2: What is the square number of 6?
3: What do you call the young of a frog?
4: A telescope makes far way objects even further away. True or false?
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A spider in a submarine!
What do you get if you cross a rabbit with an airplane?
The hare-force!
What does a cat rest his head on in bed?
A caterpillar!
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Workshop on traumatic brain injury held

From left: ***Rithvik S. Kashyap, Asst. Prof. of Clinical Psychology, JSS Medical College, Mysuru, S. Haleemunissa, Asst. Prof. of Clinical Psychology, JSS Medical College, Dr. Basavarajappa, Prof. and HoD of Clinical Psychology, Dr. M.D. Ravi, Director, JSS Hospital, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS University, Dr. G.G. Prabhu, former Prof. and HoD of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS, Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa, Principal, JSS Medical College, Dr. G.V. Manjunath, Vice-Principal, JSS Medical College, Dr. Rajesh Raman, Prof. and HoD of Psychiatry,, JSS Medical College, M.Jayashankar, Asst. Administrative Officer, JSS Medical College, Dr. Nawab Akthar Khan, Asso. Prof. of Clinical Psychology, JSS Medical College, Johny E V, Programme Co-ordinator and Lecturer of Clinical Psychology, NEEPMD, Chennai, are seen during the workshop on Traumatic Brain Surgery held in JSS Medical College in city recently.***

Mysuru, Jan.2- Former Professor of Psychology, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, Dr. G.G. Prabhu said that conducting of workshops on traumatic brain injury is very important due to the increasing number of road traffic accidents.

He was speaking after inaugurating a workshop on Cognitive Training in Traumatic Brain Injury, at JSS Medical College and Hospital, here recently.

Dr. Prabhu traced the history, development and current status of Neuro Psychological Assessment Techniques and highlighted the existing models in India (NIMHANS, AIIMS and Gujarat Model).

He emphasised the need for updating the knowledge in the fast changing world, as this is upcoming super speciality area. He pointed out the need to conduct such programmes to sensitise even the senior professionals in the field.

JSS Medical College Principal Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa presided, HoD of Clinical Psychology Dr. Basavarajappa, welcomed. Dr. M.D. Ravi, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Dr. G.V. Manjunath, Dr. Rajesh Raman and E.V. Johny were present.

Participants from different parts of India participated, according to a press release from JSS Medical College.

AIISH Faculty for World Summit at Cambridge University

Mysuru, Jan.2- Dr. Ajish K. Abraham, Professor and HoD - Electronics, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, has been invited to present a paper at the World Summit on Advances in Sciences, Engineering and Technology - Cambridge Summit 2018. The summit will be held at Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge, UK, from Jan. 4 to 6.

Dr. Ajish's research paper identifies the factors influencing the closeness of recorded speech samples to original speech. Speech, speaker and language recognition systems as well as diagnostic systems for assessment of speech disorders operate on recorded speech samples to accomplish their objectives. The efficacy of these systems depends heavily on how close the recorded speech is to original speech. The degree of closeness depends on a combination of factors associated with the hardware and software systems involved in the recording process.

Dr. Ajish

Cambridge Summit 2018 on 'Advances in Science, Engineering and Technology' is a platform for defining, introducing, and presenting novel methodologies for responsibly addressing the pressing contemporary Science Engineering and Technology (SET) problems. This summit aims at constituting a committee for precisely formulating and categorising challenging SET problems to be solved by 2025.

New office-bearers of MAA

A group photo of the new team members.

Mysuru, Jan.2- The Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA), Mysuru, conducted its Annual General Body Meeting at Platinum Jubilee Auditorium in J.K. Grounds here recently.

The following were unanimously elected as office-bearers for the year 2018-19: President - Dr. B.S. Manjunath, Vice-Presidents - Dr. M. Brhamendra and Dr. Y.M. Shivakumar, Hon. Secretary - Dr. B.N. Ananda Ravi, Joint Secretaries - Dr. S. Chandrashekar and Dr. B. Mallika, Treasurer - Dr. P. Malegowda.

Executive Committee Members: Dr. V. Arvindappa, Dr. Chandrashekar Sosale, Dr. P. Dilip Kumar, Dr. G.R. Jagannatha Babu, Dr. H.G. Jayappa Shikaripur, Dr. D. Jayaraju, Dr. M.S. Kempegowda, Dr. C. Mahadev, Dr. G. Marulasiddappa, Dr. S.B. Prakash, Dr. B.V. Rajagopal, Dr. M.L. Ramachandra, Dr.Sarvesh Raje Urs, Dr. H.B. Shashidhar.

Ladies Wing: Dr. Pushpalatha, Dr. Sumana. **Special Invitee:** Dr. C. Rajan, Dr. N. Chandrashekar, Dr. (Capt.) G.S. Venkatesh, Dr. L. Devegowda, Dr. A.H. Hareesh and Dr. S.P. Yoganna. **MAA Trust Invitee:** Dr. Kantha S. Jadhav - Chairman of MAA Trust and Dr. M.A. Shekar - Secretary of Trust.

Prof. BKC inaugurates renovated 'Ear Mould Lab'

Mysuru, Jan.2- Prof. B.K. Chandrashekar (BKC), former Minister, recently inaugurated the renovated 'Ear Mould Lab' at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru.

The 'Ear Mould Lab' in the Department of Audiology has facilities to prepare and provide individualised mechano-acoustic couplers (ear moulds) for hearing users. The ear mould lab has state-of-the-art equipment and facilities to prepare all types of ear moulds, ear plugs and for making all types of acoustic modifications in the ear moulds. It also has Central Prosthetic Lab (CPL), which is an innovative initiative by the institute wherein the impressions for the ear moulds taken elsewhere in the country is processed in our ear mould lab.

With upgradation of technology, the lab was renovated to prepare ear moulds for Receiver in the canal (RIC) hearing aids, Custom made In-the-ear (ITE) and In-the-canal (ITC) hearing aids. This lab would be able to provide the latest and the best technology ear moulds to the hearing aid users. Approximately 1000 ear moulds are prepared in a month with five experienced technical staff who are well-versed in the field of ear mould / custom hearing aid making.

Dr. S.R. Savithri, Director, Dr. M. Sandeep, HoD of Audiology and other staff members of the institute were present.

CDE prog. on '3D Printing and its Applications for Health Care'

Guruprasad Rao and Jitendra Singh with 3D printing in progress.

Mysuru, Jan.2 (SV)- A CDE programme on '3D Printing and its applications for Health Care" was organised by the Department of Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge, JSS Dental College and Hospital, recently. At the inauguration, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS University and Dr. S. Ravindra, Principal, addressed the gathering.

The speakers for the scientific session were Guru Prasad Rao, Director and Mentor and Jitendra Singh, Business Development, Imaginarium India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, who enlightened the audience about 3D printing and its applications for health care. Demonstrations were conducted on clinical cases.

3D printing also known as additive manufacturing refers to processes used to create a 3D object in which layers of material are formed under computer central to create an object of almost any shape and geometry.

In Dentistry, 3D printing is used for fabrication of implants, surgical templates and missing orofacial structures.

The programme was attended by faculty members, undergraduates and post graduates of Dental, Medical, Pharmacy colleges and General Dental Practitioners in and around Mysuru. The CDE programme was conducted by the faculty of Department of Prosthodontics headed by Dr. M.R. Dhakshaini and Dr. Anil Kumar Gujjari, former Principal, JSS Dental College and Hospital.

Seen are** (from left) **Dr. M.R. Dhakshini, Guruprasad Rao, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Dr. S. Ravindra and Dr. G. Anilkumar.

IGP lauds Police for bagging Overall Championship at Police Duty Meet

IGP Southern Range Vipul Kumar *(standing third from left - top row)* ***seen with Police Officers at the DAR Parade Grounds in city this morning. Picture right shows a Police Dog posing during the parade.***

Mysuru, Jan.2 (RK&NNN)- "Discipline in the Police Department is as important as Red Blood Cells in the human body. Also, it is equally important to recognise the contributions of people in the force like the DAR, Dog Squad and Finger Print experts who are hardly in the limelight, in spite of their significant contributions," said Inspector General of Police (IGP), Southern Range, Vipul Kumar.

He was addressing the Police Officers after receiving the guard of honour given by the probationary DCPs during the parade at the DAR (District Armed Reserve) Parade Grounds at Jyotinagar, here this morning. He said, "It is a matter of great pride to the Southern Range that it has bagged overall championship at the IG Inspection Police Duty Meet held at Bengaluru, with 18 medals."

The Police Officers have done extremely well in the year gone by and the government has appreciated its work. "The law and order situation in Mandya district especially during the Cauvery water crisis was getting a bit out of hand. Fortunately, the Rain Gods smiled and the situation was brought under control. Hence, if one does good work even the Almighty will be on our side," he said.

Lauding the efforts of Police Constables, Vipul Kumar said the Constables have been empowered now and the responsibility lies with them, as they have to interact with the people directly and get their feedback.

"A few ranges have Model Police Stations with a Reception and Helpline Desk, where when people come with problems, they are made to sit comfortably, offered a glass of water and guided to the right Stations. The Police are fully geared up with its active social media like Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp to interact with them directly," the IGP said.

According to Vipul Kumar, crime control and detection is equally important and now with the advent of technology investigation and evidence collection has become very interesting and challenging. Human Rights, Women and Child protection are all major challenges facing the department in the year 2018 and only through proper reforms in the Force can these be brought about effectively, he said.

He distributed cash prizes of Rs.5,000, Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 2,000 to the first, second and third prize winners respectively.

Mysuru SP Ravi D. Channannavar, Chamarajanagar SP Dharmendra Kumar Meena, Mandya SP G. Radhika, Hassan Additional SP Jyothi Vaidyanathan and Kodagu SP Rajendra Prasad were present on the occasion.

State JD(S) President to interact with elders tomorrow

Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru, Jan.2 (KMS&DM)- With polls nearing, State JD(S) President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy will be holding an interaction with senior citizens in the State capital tomorrow.

Kumaraswamy, who is setting out on a tour of North Karnataka from Jan. 5, will be interacting with elders at Jnanajyoti Auditorium here at a programme jointly organised by Mahalakshmi Education Trust and JD(S) Bengaluru City Unit, according to Bengaluru City JD(S) President R. Prakash. The interaction is aimed at getting feedback from elderly citizens on their plight and problems.

It may be mentioned that the JD(S) has promised a monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 to senior citizens aged above 60 years and Rs. 5,000 to those aged over 70 years, if elected to power in the forthcoming Assembly elections.

Docs Stage Protest

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Mandya Hospitals close

Meanwhile, opposing the NMC, most of the private hospitals including clinics in Mandya remained closed today. As a result, patients were put to a lot of inconvenience and many were found making their way to government hospital.

According to newly-appointed National President Dr. Ravi Wankhedkar, the National Medical Commission Bill (NMC) in the present form is not acceptable. It is anti-poor, anti-people, non-representative, undemocratic and anti-federal in character.

According to doctors who are observing the day as 'Black Day', the Bill promotes "Crosspathy" (allowing those who have studied alternate medicine to practice allopathy), eases procedures for private medical colleges and will be dominated by government.

PM Modi to open Mysuru-B'luru Electric Railway Line this month

Mysuru, Jan.2 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will declare open the Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway Electrification Line later this month.

The PM, who is likely to launch the project after mid-January, is also expected to launch two trains — Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) and Humsafar Express — between Mysuru and Bengaluru.

At present, 26 trains operating between Mysuru - Bengaluru daily carry some 30,000 passengers. Electrification is set to reduce travel time between the cities by 15 minutes, opening a window to ramp up rail traffic and extend existing routes.

Sources said the Railway authorities have zeroed in on Maharaja's College Grounds for the launch of the project but the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is yet to confirm it.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha told *Star of Mysore* that he has requested the PM to inaugurate the double line and electric train in Mysuru and also to lay the foundation for the expansion of Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

New Humsafar Express coaches arrived at KR Nagar Railway Station on Sunday. These coaches are likely to be used for long-distance routes. The Railway authorities are discussing whether Humsafar Express should operate from Mysuru to Delhi or to Thiruvananthapuram.

The MEMU train that runs from Bengaluru to Ramanagaram will be extended to Mysuru. Besides this, Humsafar Express will operate between Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Late last week, the authorities conducted MEMU train trial between Bengaluru and Mysuru, and the train did the run in two-and-a-half hours. Like a passenger train, the 20-coach MEMU train will stop at all stations.

Selfie-frenzy public separate elephant calf from its mother

RFO calls upon people not to disturb or go near the herd with calf

Gundlupet, Jan. 2 (SOMG&KS)- In what could be termed as an inhuman act, a group of villagers not only disturbed a herd of elephants which had come to the village border but also separated a mother elephant from her calf and got busy clicking selfies with the calf while it was crying for its mother.

The incident took place near Kurubara Hundi at Omkar Forest Range coming under Bandipur Reserve Forest yesterday morning.

It was heartening to see the people laughing and clicking selfies, while the baby was crying for its mother.

Yesterday early morning, three elephants and a nine-month-old calf had crossed the Omkar Range and had come to the border of the village in search of food.

The public who were proceeding to Begur Fair spotted these elephants came back to the village and informed others who rushed to the spot and created noise to drive back the elephants. As the villagers moved closer to the elephants, an elephant attempted to charge at them as there was a calf with the herd.

But the irresponsible public began to move closer to the elephants by creating noise resulting in the elephants moving back. Though the mother came to take the calf, the crowd moved further towards it, resulting in the mother moving back to the forest leaving the calf behind.

But the public, who were not satisfied, caught the calf and began to click selfies with it even though the calf was crying for its mother resulting in the calf getting exhausted.

Forest Department staff, who rushed to the spot, rescued the elephant calf and waited for sometime for the mother to return. As the mother elephant did not return as there were too many people at the spot, the Forest staff brought the calf in the jeep to the Forest Department Zonal office.

Veterinarian Dr. Rangaraju, who examined the calf, fed it with milk and administered injection following which the calf recovered from exhaustion. Meanwhile, RFO Naveen Kumar told the media that they would take the calf to Manchahalli Forest, where the mother went and release the calf there.

The RFO has requested the public to be humane besides urging them not to go near the elephants especially when there is a calf in the herd as the elephants are very protective and may attack the public.

He has also urged the villagers not to go to the fields near Manchahalli Forest till the mother takes back its calf.

Govt. to survey encroachment by coffee planters

Revenue Minister asks DCs in Chikkamagalur, Hassan and Kodagu to submit report in a month

Bengaluru, Jan.2- Revenue Minister Kagodu Thimmappa has said that a survey is being conducted to find out encroachment of Government land by coffee planters.

Kagodu Thimmappa

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Kagodu Thimmappa said that the re-survey is being carried out based on the report of retired IAS Officer Dr. Balasubramaniam.

Noting that it is difficult to ascertain as to what extent the encroachments have taken place, the Minister said that he has directed the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of coffee growing districts to carry out the survey and submit the report within a month.

Maintaining that encroachments have taken place in major coffee growing districts like Chikkamagalur, Hassan and Kodagu, the Minister said that it has been discovered that over 35,000 acres of Government land has been encroached upon in Chikkamagalur district alone.

"The survey has been ordered to specifically and accurately find out the quantum of encroachment of Government land by coffee growers," Thimmappa added.

He further said that many coffee planters have approached the Government seeking sanction of encroached land to themselves. However, a decision in this regard will be taken after the Government gets the comprehensive survey report, he added.

Obituary

Nagaraju

Mysuru, Jan.2- Nagaraju (45), newspaper distributor and a resident of Chayadevinagar in Udayagiri, passed away on Dec. 30, 2017.

He leaves behind his wife L. Gayathri, son N. Abhishek, daughter N. Amulya and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native Haniyamballi near Immavu village in Nanjangud taluk, according to family sources.

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We, **Vijaya Bank,** having its branch at Kuvempunagar, Mysore propose to accept as security, the title deeds of the below mentioned property belonging to Sri Mr. **Deepak M.C., S/o Sri M. Chinnappa aged about 37 years residing at No. 3708, 9th Main, 3rd Stage, 'G' Block, Near Rotary School, Dattagalli, Mysore,** for the loan granted / to be granted to M/s. M/s. Core 4 Engineers having place of business / registered office at Regd. Address: No. 8, Amma Complex, Ooty Main Road, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore 571301, Office Address: No. 111/1, Rama Mandir Road, 3rd Main, 9th Cross, T.K. Layout, Kuvempunagar, Mysore-23. If anybody is having any objection in sanction of loan to **M/s M/s. Core 4 Engineers,** Regd. Address: No. 8, Amma Complex, Ooty Main Road, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore-571301, Office Address: No. 111/1, Rama Mandir Road, 3rd Main, 9th Cross, T.K. Layout, Kuvempunagar, Mysore-23 against the below mentioned property, the same may be intimated to the Branch Manager, Vijaya Bank, Vijaya Bank Circle, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru within 10 days from the date of notice. If the same is not received within the stipulated time of **10 days** the Bank is having full right to enforce the said mortgage to be created in its favour.

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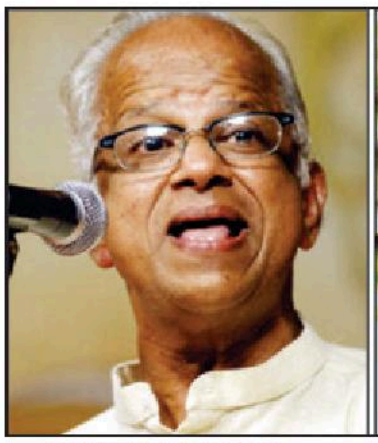
New Year musical extravaganza at Nadabrahma from Jan.3



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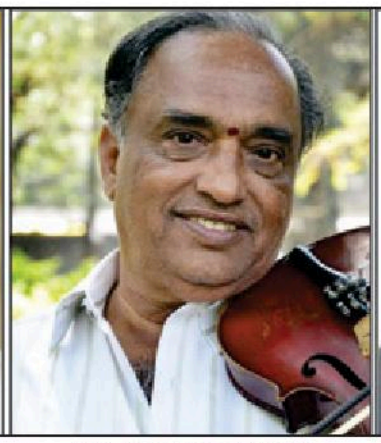

H.K. Narasimha Murthy

Srikanth Radhakrishnan

The New Year at Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha, JLB Road, will kickstart with three concerts during the first week of January 2018. **The first concert is on 3rd (Wednesday) at 6 pm.** *Padma Shri* awardee Violin legend Parur MSG Memorial Concert will be presented by veteran *Sangeeta Kalanidhi* **T.V. Sankaranarayanan,** sponsored by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy in honour of his Guru.

Profile: Tiruvalangadu Vembu Iyer Sankaranarayanan, also known as TVS, born on March 7, 1945 at Mayiladuthurai, is a Karnatak vocalist known for his music that stems from the style of his late uncle-guru, Madurai Mani Iyer. *Padma Bhushan* Sankaranarayanan is noted for easily reaching the upper notes. He had intended to pursue a legal career before music gripped him. He has several albums to his credit. Sankaranarayanan is indeed an asset to Karnatak music world. Some of the awards he has been bestowed with are Madras Music Academy's Sangeetha Kalanidhi in 2003, Padma Bhushan in 2003 and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1990.

He will be accompanied by **H.N. Bhaskar** on violin, **Tumkur B. Ravishankar** on mridanga and **Sharath Kaushik** on ghata.

VIOLIN SOLO

On 6th (Saturday) at 6 pm, Bada Kishora Awardee Srikanth Radhakrishnan from Bengaluru will present a Violin solo concert accompanied by **Nikshith Puiiur** on mridanga and **S. Manjunath** on ghata. A Chartered Accountant by qualification, Srikanth, having keen interest in Music, has been performing both on violin and vocal. Brought up in Singapore, he has learnt music at SIFA from Mangalam Shankar, A.K. Karunakaran, N.R. Prashanth, Poorna Pragna Rao, K.Sivaraman and Srividya Sriram. After moving to Bengaluru, he learnt vocal under Neela Ramagopal and currently under S. Shankar. He has nurtured his violin under Charulatha Ramanujan, B. Raghuram and presently under Nalina Mohan. He has performed widely in Singapore and Bengaluru in many youth festivals and other major festivals both as a vocalist and violinist. He has won many awards and prizes. He is a B-Grade vocalist in AIR Bengaluru.

Dr. Gopalarajan

Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar Memorial Concert is sponsored by their children Madhuri Thathachari and Dr. R.Srinivasan.

ANNUAL DAY

The annual day of Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha, celebrated as **Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan Memorial Day, will be held on Jan. 7 at 5.30 pm.** The event is sponsored by the Fraternity of Doctors. It is customary to award *Nadabrahma* and *Nada Kishora* titles alongwith prize distribution for the winners of *Nada Kishorotsava.* This year *Nadabrahma* award is given to **Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy**. The cash award is sponsored by Chitraveena N. Ravikiran in memory of his grandfather Gottuvadyam Narayana Iyengar and *Nada Kishora* to **Srikanth Radhakrishnan -** 1st prize of Nada Kishorotsava 2017 and Best Violinist. **Anjana P. Rao -** 2nd prize, **Kavana Hegde -** 3rd prize, **R.Sindhu -** Consolation prize and **Nikshit Puttur -** Best Mridangist. The prizes are sponsored by Dr. K.V. Lakshmi Devi, K.V. Saralakumar and K.V. Umadevi in memory of their parents K.V. Venkateshayya and Girijamma.

VIOLIN TRIO

This will be followed by a Grand Violin Trio by **Vid. H. K. Narasimha Murthy, his son Vid.H.N. Bhaskar and grand-daughter Prithvi Bhaskar.** They will be accompanied by **Vid.G.S. Ramanujan** on mridanga and **Vid. G. Guruparasanna** on khanjira.

Profile: H.K. Narasimha Murthy is a senior and leading violinist hailing from Mysuru. Regarded both as an extremely able performer and as a highly accomplished teacher, Narasimha Murthy's acumen was shaped by his training in the revered Parur School of Violin under Parur Sundaram Iyer and later from his illustrious sons M.S. Anantharaman and the legendary M.S. Gopalakrishnan. He also came under the influence of many great musicians of the day during his education at the Central College of Music, Madras, from where he obtained the degree of Sangeetha Vidwan. He has served as Staff Artiste at AIR, Mysuru, for nearly four decades, earning its 'A-Top' grade.

Murthy has, throughout his career, enriched music concerts with his violin accompaniment. He is a veritable bridge between the past and present generations of musicians having accompanied a long list of unforgettable stalwarts of yesteryear including Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer, Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar, Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, D.K. Pattamal, D. K. Jayaraman, Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna, K.J. Yesudas, T.V.Shankaranarayan and the Bombay Sisters, with whom he travelled across the globe. The lofty credentials of 'HKN sir', as he is popularly and respectfully known, continue to serve posterity, especially the Parur style of violin, through his dedicated teaching.

H. N. Bhaskar was first under the guidance of his parents Vidwan H.K. Narasimha Murthy and H.N. Rajalakshmi. Bhaskar later moved to Chennai to study music at the University of Madras and came under the wings of violin maestro *Padma Shri Sangeetha Kalanidhi* M.S. Gopalakrishnan. His melodious style has helped him accompany leading vocalists in the field. He has travelled widely and has received several awards. In the late nineties he was part of a popular music band called "Antaragni."

Prithvi Bhaskar is the daughter of Bhaskar and Vidya Kuliyur, who is a creative yakshagana exponent. Prithvi is very carefully nurtured by grand-parents HKN and Rajalakshmi.

Carrying the lineage

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Maharajapuram Ramachandran performed for Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha on the 10th of December. He was accompanied by **C.N. Chandrashekhar** on violin, **H.S. Sudheendra** on mridanga and **G.S.Ramanujam** on ghata.

Ramachandran has a strong, bold voice, which initially took some time to settle down. As the concert was in memory of late Lalita Murthy, wife of senior art patron K.V. Murthy, Ramachandran had chosen three compositions of Savitramma, mother of Lalita Murthy, in addition to compositions of Mysore Vasudevachar and some compositions popularised by his father Santanam.

He began the concert with *'Sharanu Sharanu Vinayaka tava paadake maNive Vinayaka'* by Savitramma in Hamsadhwani with a warm-up neraval and swaras at *'Vidya daayine mangala mooruti'*. 'Tyagaraja's *'Brochevarevare'* in Sriranjani was a good choice of contrast.

Aarabhi ragalapana was good though short with many sangatis of Santanam and the composition of Swati Tirunal *'Narasimha mamava Bhagavan'* in Khanda Chapu was a surprise. In Bhairavi, the sub-main chosen for his 3-hour concert, Ramachandran touched the quintessential phrases of the raga and Kannada composition of Savitramma *'Raghuvara Rama BArai SuguNAbhirAma'* was presented well with right articulation.

Purvi Kalyani, which occupied the centre-stage, was enjoyable with well-carved phrases. Vasudevachar's *'Marachitive nannu maravakura'* was an apt choice and it suited the raga and the mood. Sudheendra and Ramanujam showed great restraint with subtle strokes. Their sharp exchanges during the tani received appreciation from the audience.

The post-tani part of the concert was raring with songs of Santanam fame. Purandara dasa devaranamas Ragamalika *'Ksheerabdhi kannike Shree mahalakshmi,' 'Govinda ninna namave chenda'* in Janasammodini and *'Bho Shambho Shiva Shambho svayambho'* in Revati enchanted the audience.

Violinist Chandrashekhar shined through the concert with his mature approach.

The concert was a tribute to Savitramma, who has composed many devaranamas and kritis in Kannada. Her compositions are also popularised by senior musician of the city Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar.

Win laurels at Tinkering Challenge

Mysuru, Jan.2 - Science Ashram conducted a competition titled 'Tinkering Challenge-2017' for students across Mysuru and Bengaluru. Tinkering Challenge was a programme designed for students of Grade V- VIII with an intent to create awareness concerning social issues and hone the problem-solving skills of students. Science Ashram Tinkering lab provides a conducive environment for kids to build projects and encourages innovation.

The programme was conducted in three stages. About 12,500 students from 40 schools participated in the first stage. 600 students qualified for the second stage wherein students were given a case study to solve the problem of 'Traffic congestion'.

A workshop was conducted at Science Ashram Tinkering Lab for 100 finalists. This included students from Mysuru's Excel Public School, Royale Concorde International School and Delhi Public School. Students were divided into teams of two each for the final round. They were given a problem statement on the spot and were asked to design a solution in six hours. The students designed and engineered different solutions using various tools and materials from the inventory.

The winning trophy was bagged by Edwin and Harighna of Euro School, Whitefield in the Junior Category and Gourinandana and Greeshma of Euro School, Chimney Hills in the Senior category. The Runner-up trophy was won by Aditi Bhat and Divijaa Arjun of Excel Public School, Mysuru, in the Junior Categoryand Simran Singh and Deepshika Reddy of Ryan International School in the Senior Category.

Vidarbha trounce Delhi to lift maiden Ranji Trophy

Indore, Jan. 2- Vidarbha scripted history yesterday by lifting the Ranji Trophy title for the first time following their thumping nine-wicket win over Delhi here at the Holkar Cricket Stadium in Indore.

Chasing a lowly target of 29 runs to win on the fourth day of the final match, opener Faiz Fazal was dismissed cheaply for two runs off Kulwant Khejroliya's delivery.

However, Sanjay Ramaswamy (unbeaten at nine) and Wasim Jaffer (unbeaten at 17) combined to help Vidarbha cross the mark with ease and lift their maiden trophy.

Earlier, Akshay Wakhare bagged four wickets while Aditya Sarwate and Rajneesh Gurbani took three and two wickets, respectively to help Vidarbha bundle out Delhi for 280 runs in their second innings.

Resuming at Sunday's score of 528-7, Vidarbha posted a huge first-innings score of 547 in reply to Delhi's 295, thanks to Akshay Wadkar (133) for his maiden century in first-class cricket.

Meanwhile, Wasim Jaffer (78), Aditya Sarwate (79), Siddhesh Neral (74) and Faiz Fazal (67) were other notable contributors for Vidarbha.

For Delhi, Navdeep Saini was the pick of the bowlers as he grabbed five wickets while Akash Sudan and Kulwant Khejroliya also took two wickets each. Nitish Rana also chipped in with a wicket.

Rajneesh Gurbani was adjudged man-of-the-match as he finished with excellent figures of 6-59 and 2-92 in the two innings respectively.

Meanwhile, Gurbani also became only the second cricketer ever to scalp a hat-trick in the final of Ranji Trophy.

MDFA 'B' Division Football League

Facile win for Town Sports FC

Mysuru, Jan. 2- Town Sports FC, Bannur, registered a 4-1 win over K.R. Mill FC in their Group 'A' League tie in the MDFA 'B' Division Football League 2017-18 for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here on Monday.

Town Sports FC went into the lead in the 10th minute when left-out Kalai scored from near the target. The equaliser came from Charan in the 15th minute for K.R. Mill FC. At half-time both the teams were level 1-1.

In the second half, Town Sports FC, Bannur's forwards continued to attack and in the 48th minute centre-forward Dinesh Singh found the target. Suraj (52nd) and Nidhin (72nd) scored a goal each to help their team score a 4-1 win and gain three points from this win.

The Result: Town Sports FC, Bannur 4 (Kalai 10, Dinesh Singh 48, Suraj 52, Nidhin 72) bt KR Mill FC 1 (Charan 15).

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League

Vinyas shines for Navodaya CC

Mysuru, Jan.2- Inspiring batting display by middle-order batsman M.G. Vinyas (98 n.o. & 44) helped Navodaya CC to gain the vital first innings lead over Mysore University Colleges Sports Council (MUCSC) in the drawn two-day KSCA Myuru Zone I Division League tie played at the JSS-SJCE Ground here recently.

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Navodaya CC 214 in 54 overs (M.G.Vinyas 98 n.o, Prajwal Pavan 27, N. Zahed 5 for 35, N.J. Gowtham 3 for 88) and 218 in 56.2 overs (Lochan Appanna 47, M.G. Vinyas 44, M.N. Shankar 32, Prajwal Pavan 29, A.C. Chethan Kumar 28, N.J. Gowtham 6 for 77, Abhinoam Jacob 2 for 43) drew with MUCSC 138 in 30 overs (N. Shreyas 37, Harsha Kumar Naidu 32, K. Arun 28, M.N. Shankar 5 for 23, Krishna Prasad 2 for 21) & 190 for 7 in 53 overs (K. Arun 44 n.o, N. Shreyas 40, N.J. Gowtham 38, S. Rajath 29, Lochan Appanna 3 for 42, V.M. Mohinder Vinayak 2 for 50, M.G. Vinyas 2 for 53).

Indian Premier League 2018

Mumbai looks to retain

Skipper Rohit Sharma, Pandya Brothers

Mumbai, Jan. 2- Defending champions Mumbai Indians in all likelihood will be retaining skipper Rohit Sharma along with Pandya brothers, Hardik and Krunal, while under-performing Delhi Daredevils may keep Rishabh Pant and Shreyas Iyer in their stable ahead of the IPL auction on Jan. 27.

While the last date of submission for the player retention is Jan. 4, the franchises are more or less certain about the kind of players they would like to retain and the ones they would buy back with Right To Match (RTM) cards.

It is learnt that it is a strategic decision to retain Krunal as this will enable the franchise to buy back Kieron Pollard and Jasprit Bumrah with the 'Right To Match' cards.

It is learnt that Delhi are still undecided about having two or three retentions but Pant and Iyer being India players are certain to be retained.

Steve Smith is expected to be retained by Rajasthan Royals after having spent two years at the Rising Pune Supergiants. The Chennai Super Kings are set to retain three of their marquee players — skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni, IPL superstar Suresh Raina and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja while Dwayne Bravo, if fit, is all but certain to be bought back with Right To Match card.

David Warner looks certain to be retained by the Sunrisers Hyderabad who can also retain the immensely talented Deepak Hooda by paying Rs. 3 crore for the uncapped player just like MI will be doing for Krunal.

Meanwhile, England all-rounder Ben Stokes has been given permission by the England and Wales Cricket Board to take part in the lucrative Indian Premier League. Stokes was signed by Rising Pune Supergiants for 1.7 million pounds in last year's edition of the IPL.

Rotary West School emerges second in Karate Championship

Students of Rotary West School, Saraswathipuram taking part in the recently held District Level Karate Championship organised by Okhinawa Karate Arts Association won the overall runner-up trophy. Seen in the picture are RWA President Rtn. S.K. Lakshminarayana, Secretary Rtn. C.R. Hanumanth, Karate Master Vidyasagar Achar, Head Mistress Vatsala Kumar and other Asst. Teachers. Lakshmi Narayana Koushik of 8th Std won Two Gold Medals while other 13 karatekas also won medals and trophies.

City schools celebrate Annual Day

DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL: DAV Public School elegantly celebrated its '*Shishirotsava*' at NIE auditorium in which the students from I std. to X std. showed their talents and enthralled the gathering.

Mayor M.J. Ravikumar presided. Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, Chairman, Varuna Assembly Constituency Housing Programmes Awareness Committee, was the chief guest. H.V. Rajeev, Secretary, Pramathi Hillview Academy, Mysuru, was the guest of honour.

On this occasion, Rajeev was felicitated by the School Management for his active role in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Number of cultural programmes and drama 'Ramayana' were presented by the students and was appreciated by all.

Chairman N. Sachidananda Murthy, Hon. Secretary R. Anand, School CEO Jayashree S. Murthy, Administrative Officer Venkatakrishnaiah, Principal K.R. Shobha and Vice-Principal M.S. Mangala were present and thousands of parents witnessed the programme.

THE ACME SCHOOL: Rotary MSEC Trust - The Acme School, Rotary Sudarshini Building, Nivedithanagar, celebrated its 17th Annual Day at the School premises recently.

D. Bharathi, Registrar, University of Mysore, was the chief guest. J.S. Jagadeesh, Area Corporator, was the guest of honour. The theme for the event was 'Values of Life.'

On this occasion, the staff who served the School more than a decade was felicitated.

MYSORE WEST LIONS SEVANIKETAN SCHOOL: Annual Day was celebrated at its premises recently. Dr. B. Manjunath, Registrar, JSS University, was the chief guest. He released the School Magazine 'Seva.'

He is seen with Club President Ln. Jacob Thomas Paul, School President Ln. Manoj Kumar, School Secretary Ln. R. Sukumar, School Treasurer Ln. Surendra Hegde, School Principal N.V. Sivakumar, School Vice-Principal Shobha Periera, School Administrator H.S. Thrinesh during the inauguration of the event.

PRAGATHI VIDYA KENDRA: The Annual Day of Pragathi Vidya Kendra was celebrated at Kalamandira in city recently.

K. Jayaprakash Rao was the chief guest. Shivaji Rao Jadhav and Pushpalatha Chikkanna were the guests of honour.

Present of the occasion were Chairman V. Venkatesh, Administrator Karthik V. Kashyap, Principal Jayashri Venkatesh and Committee Members.

Academic prizes were given away and X std. students were also honoured. Newsletter was released and students presented a cultural extravaganza.

ROTARY MIDTOWN ACADEMY: The School Day of Rotary Midtown Academy was held at the School premises recently.

SP Ravi D. Channananavar was the chief guest. In his address, he was all praise for Rotary Midtown for starting an Educational Institution in the rural belt to impart quality education at affordable cost, so that the discrimination at different levels for a deserving child is taken care.

During his course of address, he also emphasised to be a human first and be concerned to all so that the society is at peace.

Through his experience, the advice to the parents was to teach moral education at home and avoid social medial for some 20 years, so that the remaining years of that child is comfortable and wonderful.

With the example of Infosys Chairman Narayana Murthy, he also stressed upon to teach history, so that the children can create the history of their own.

Unless a child studies history well, its impossible to create the history of his own. He also gave the call to today's youth not to fall prey into bad habits and bad company and become great citizen of our nation.

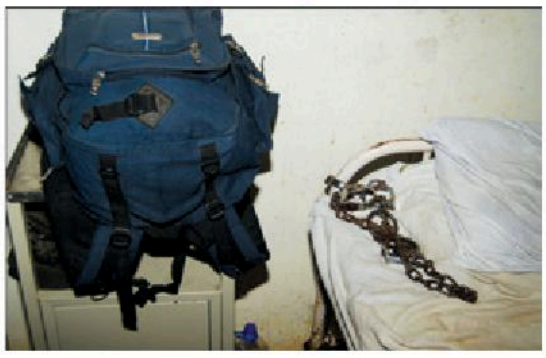
He also honoured last year topper of the School Snehashree by cash award and gold medal.

Rtn. Alagappan, Chairman of the School, welcomed the gathering. Rtn. Ramakrishna, Secretary of RMA, proposed a vote of thanks. Cultural programme by the children of the School followed.

LITTLE ELLY: The 5th Annual Day and Graduation Day of Little Elly was celebrated at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar recently. Singer Sreeharsha of *SaReGaMaPa* fame was the chief guest. Shantha Mallesh, Assistant Commissioner - Commercial Tax, inaugurated the function.

Undertrial escapes from Madikeri District Hospital

He was admitted after he consumed phenyl in prison



Madikeri, Jan.2 (KS)- An undertrial, who is facing theft charges and was admitted to Madikeri District Hospital after he had consumed phenyl in a bid to commit suicide, has hoodwinked the jail staff and escaped from the hospital toilet on Jan.1.

The undertrial, who managed to escape, has been identified as Ganesh alias Ganapathi, a resident of Suntikoppa in Somwarpet taluk in Kodagu, who was arrested by the Police in a theft case.

The Police, after arresting Ganesh, had lodged him in Madikeri Central Prison. On Dec.30 at about 5 pm, Ganesh, in a bid to end his life, had consumed phenyl in the prison and fell sick following which he was rushed to Madikeri General Hospital, where he was admitted in the Men's Emergency Ward with two jail staff on guard.

On Jan.1, at about 10 am, Ganesh wanted to answer nature's call, following which the jail staff on guard removed the handcuffs and led him to the toilet.

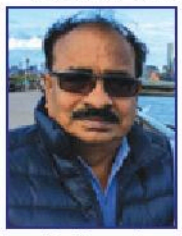
Ganesh, after entering the toilet, managed to escape from the window of the toilet which was closed with glass, scaled down with the help of the drain pipe and escaped from the hospital premises by jumping the hospital wall.

The jail staff after waiting for sometime for Ganesh to come out, went inside the toilet only to find no one there and immediately informed their higher officials besides lodging a complaint with Madikeri Police.

Though there are CCTV cameras installed in the hospital premises, there are no CCTV cameras installed on or near the spot where Ganesh managed to escape and it seems that Ganesh had planned his escape and also knew the route where CCTV cameras are not installed so that he would not be caught.

Two teams, comprising Police personnel and the jail staff, have launched a hunt to nab Ganesh.

RBNCC President R. Anand passes away



R. Anand

Mysuru, Jan.2 - R. Anand, retd. Assistant Commissioner, Central Excise and Customs (Mumbai) and President of RBN Cricket Club, Mysuru, passed away at Srirangam in Tamil Nadu, yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife and a son. Last rites will be held in Bengaluru tomorrow at 9 am, according to family sources.

His body has been kept at his residence in #302, Tarang Apartments, Opp. Variar Bakery, 1st Main Road, Shivanahalli, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru.

KHB Scam: ACB sleuths arrest one more person

Mysuru, Jan.2- The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths yesterday arrested another person involved in connection with Karnataka Housing Board land acquisition scam.

The arrested has been identified as A.S. Nagabhushan Aradhya, a middleman. The ACB sleuths produced him before Court, which remanded him to the Judicial custody. The ACB officials had earlier arrested five persons, including Assistant Executive Engineer M.B. Somashekar, AE M. Mahesh and middlemen Jnaneshwar, Vijay Kumar and former Gram Panchayat President N.B. Vasu, who were all released on bail.

Two killed as bike crashes into Police barricade

Mandya, Jan.2- In a tragic incident, two youths were killed on the spot when the motorcycle they were travelling crashed into Police barricade near Tolali Gate on Bellur Cross- Adichunchanagiri Road late last night.

The deceased have been identified as Pradeep (25) and Pavan (23), residents of Nagamangala town.

Nagamangala Police have registered a case in this regard.

In another road mishap, two motorcyclists sustained serious injuries, when the two-wheeler they were riding was knocked down by a KSRTC bus near Soonagahalli on Mandya-Malavalli Road this morning.

The injured motorcyclists who have been identified as Vishakanta, 40 and Munivenkatappa, 44, hailing from Basavanabetta in Malavalli taluk, were rushed to MIMS Hospital.

Mandya Police have registered a case in this regard.

Ramdas inspects Zero Waste Management units in city

Threatens to file complaint with Central Environment Board, Human Rights Commission on failing to restart the units

Mysuru, Jan.2- Former Minister S.A. Ramdas visited various waste segregation units in city yesterday and threatened to file a complaint with Central Environment Board and Human Rights Commission on failing to restart the units.

Ramdas, who had staged a hunger strike for three-day from Dec.14, had withdrawn following the assurance from DC D. Randeep to restart the nine Zero Waste Management units in city.

He first visited the Zero Waste Management unit located at the burial ground on Jodi Thenginamara Road in Bannimantap and expressed his displeasure over the authorities for not taking measures to restart the unit.

"We have been working hard to ensure Mysuru emerges as the cleanest city in the country. But, with waste segregation not being taken up scientifically, it would be difficult for us to achieve our target. Though it was promised to restart all Zero Waste Management units by Dec.31, four units still remain unused," said Ramdas. Among the nine Zero Waste Management units, only the one in Kumbarakoppal functioned and the remaining eight units remained defunct. Later, based on DC Randeep's instructions, the authorities started units located under MCC Zonal Offices 6,7,8 and 9. But the remaining are yet to start functioning.

There is a dearth of workers in the Zero Waste Management units in city but the funds are being drawn creating fake documents on the number of workers, said Ramdas.

Alleging that the MCC is misusing the Central funds, he said that the City Corporation has been getting Rs.32 crore for scientific segregation of wastes for all nine units and Rs.1.50 per kg for manufacturing compost.

Ramdas also mentioned that the animal waste was being dumped unscientifically at that unit which caused problems for residents. He also threatened to launch a fresh protest in case of failing to restart the units.

Corporator B.V. Manjunath and other BJP leaders were present.

Vanity bag with cash, mobile phone snatched in Jyothinagar

Mysuru, Jan.2 (SPN&KS)- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched a vanity bag containing cash and mobile phone from a woman near Muthu Mariyamma Temple in Jyothinagar here on Dec.24.

The woman, who lost her belongings, has been identified as C. Shantha.

Shantha, on Dec.24, had gone to Dasara Exhibition and was returning home, when miscreants on a Yamaha bike (KA-06-7644) snatched her vanity bag containing Rs.1,500 cash and mobile phone near the temple at Jyothinagar and sped away. Shantha has lodged a complaint at Nazarbad Police Station in this regard.

Man assaulted: An incident of a man being assaulted by a gang of five persons for petty reasons has been reported on M.G. Road here on Dec.30 night.

The man, who was assaulted, has been identified as Ibrahim. He had come to the vegetable market on M.G. Road behind Dasara Exhibition Grounds on Dec.30 night and went to a push cart selling tea nearby when his hand accidentally touched a person standing close by resulting in verbal duel between them.

Soon, four more persons joined the fight and assaulted Ibrahim besides threatening him with life.

Ibrahim has registered a complaint at Nazarbad Police Station in this regard.

Half-burnt body found

Mysuru, Jan.2 (SPN&KS)- A half burnt body of an unidentified man has been found at Srirampura burial grounds on Manandavadi Road here yesterday.

The unidentified man is said to be about 35 years old and his partially charred body was found by a worker at the burial grounds yesterday morning who informed Vidyaranyapuram Police.

Vidyaranyapuram Police, who visited the spot, suspected that the man might have been murdered and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

WORD OF THE DAY

Duende

Pronunciation: Dwen-de; English doo-en-dey
Meaning: Charm; magnetism a goblin; demon; spirit.
Example: The actor had the duende, the gift of enchantment.
Origin: Duende comes via French from the Old Spanish phrase duen de casa, dueño de casa "master of the house," originally, in the late 1600s, referring to a household deity, fairy, pixie, or imp. By the mid-1900s, it acquired the sense of impassioned, inspired artistry.

THE ODD WORD

Fantigue

Anxiety or irritation.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Play it by ear

Meaning: Playing something by ear means that rather than sticking to a defined plan, you will see how things go and decide on a course of action as you go along.
Example: "What time shall we go shopping?" "Let's see how the weather looks and play it by ear."
Origin: This saying has its origins in music, as "playing something by ear" means to play music without reference to the notes on a page. This sense of the phrase dates back to the 16th century, but the present use only came into being in mid-20th century America, primarily referring to sports. These days, the expression has lost this focus on sports and can be used in any context.

QUOTE BOX

Sincerity is the way to heaven.

— Mencius

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus below mean?

Answer: Easy on the eyes.

SUDOKU

		1						
7	3							8
2	5			9	1			
	9				4		6	
	1		9		8		4	
	8		6				2	
			4	7			9	5
4							7	6
						3		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	8	2	7	5	6	1	4	3
1	6	3	9	4	8	7	5	2
4	5	7	2	3	1	6	9	8
6	2	8	1	7	5	9	3	4
7	1	5	4	9	3	2	8	6
3	4	9	6	8	2	5	7	1
8	9	1	5	6	4	3	2	7
5	3	6	8	2	7	4	1	9
2	7	4	3	1	9	8	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

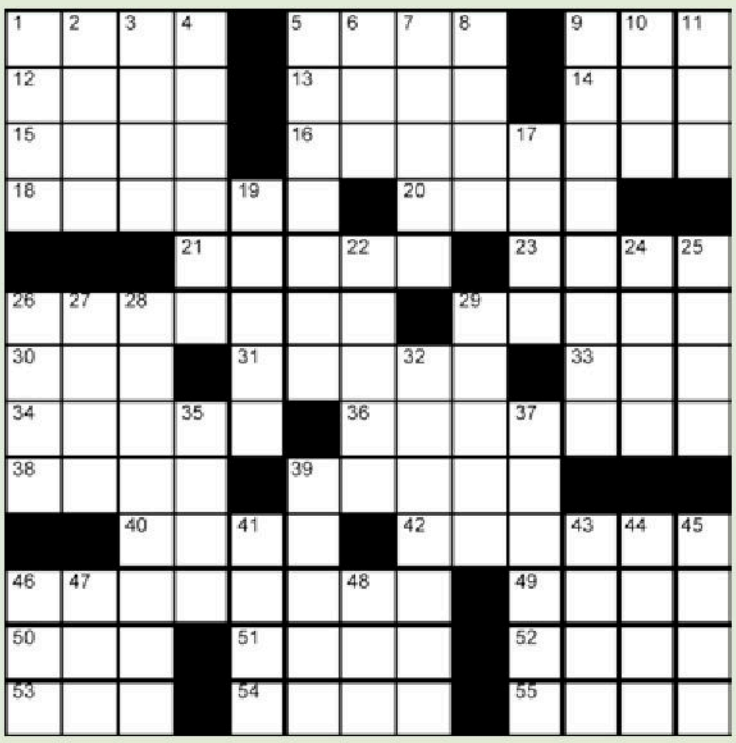
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Multiple choice choices
5 ___ fide : real and genuine?
9 Self-esteem
12 One of the four in a car which make movement possible?
13 Playback singer ___ Narayan
14 An affirmative answer
15 Famous mountain range in Russia
16 Updates or refashions
18 ___ seeds : peas, beans, etc.?
20 Musical composition
21 Managed but not very very successfully? (3,2)
23 Uncles in Spain
26 Brief operatic solo number
29 Undersized person
30 Prohibition or proscription
31 Word of greeting on the telephone
33 Chinese dynasty of the days gone by
34 Secures a cable
36 Apparition or ghost
38 I cannot tell _ ___ : so said young Washington? (1,3)
39 Swedish port
40 Contribute one's ___ : do whatever little one can?
42 Tests to determine metallic content
46 Stoutly partisan
49 A contrivance for catching animals
50 Static Air Temperature
51 Siouan Indian
52 Fashionable Klein
53 Small and petite, poetically speaking
54 Nav. readings
55 Deficient in vitality; sluggish

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

P	U	F	F	■	A	I	D	S	■	L	A	G
E	R	I	E	■	A	L	I	E	■	U	K	E
W	A	N	D	■	H	A	R	R	I	D	A	N
S	L	E	E	K	■	■	K	I	T	H	■	■
■	■	■	R	E	E	K	■	C	O	I	N	S
J	E	H	A	N	G	I	R	■	■	A	O	A
A	B	E	L	■	G	O	O	■	I	N	O	N
I	R	A	■	■	S	W	A	N	L	A	K	E
N	O	R	I	A	■	A	M	Y	L	■	■	■
■	■	H	D	M	I	■	■	E	B	O	N	Y
C	H	E	A	P	E	S	T	■	R	I	O	S
A	I	A	■	L	E	A	D	■	E	S	S	E
L	E	R	■	Y	E	L	P	■	D	E	E	R

DOWN
1 Ex-Delhi speedster Wassan
2 Cattle shed
3 Steep rugged rock
4 Great flood or very very heavy downpour
5 Graduated tube used in titration in chemistry labs?
6 Piece of poetry
7 Spock on 'Star Trek'
8 Over or above
9 Sense of seeing
10 Jelly - "leg" anagram?
11 CIA predecessor
17 You are morally bound to do yours
19 Insects attracted by light or fire
22 An extremely light wood
24 Persian poet
25 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago?
26 Priestly robes
27 Long iron bar?
28 Hint or suggest
29 Creations from the poets
32 Learner drivers display them! (1-6)
35 Linden tree
37 To do with the ribs
39 Beef, ham, venison, et al.
41 They come six to a dozen!
43 A river of italy
44 Chinese masculine element
45 A river of Scotland
46 Opp. direction to NNE
47 Menlo Park monogram
48 Fish eggs - "ore" anagram?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EW ZUNC JTAEUBG EBGDECS UAQSCG AU LCSJH HUCS, KSJCB

HUCS, LU HUCS JBL PSTUHS HUCS, ZUN JCS J KSJLSC.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
O Prema Devathe	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Haunted Resort	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Sakka Podu Podu Raja	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Velaikkaran	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	11.00 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7
The Greatest Showman (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 9.55 pm
Balloon (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm, 7
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Okka Kshanam (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

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Anjani Putra (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-1)	12.25 pm, 6.20 pm
	(S-2)	9.45 am, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	10 am, 3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-3)	10 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
The Greatest Showman (E)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 7.10 pm
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Balloon (Ta)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi to Piyaa Morey	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	7:30 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:30 Porus
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Haasil
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
		10:30 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
6:00 pm Man Vs. Wild	6:00 pm Game Plan	5:00 pm Big Cats
7:00 How It's Made	7:00 Premier Badminton League 2017/18	6:00 Primal Survivor : Outback Inferno
7:30 Fail Army	7:20 Premier Badminton League 2017/18	7:00 Airport Security: Colombia
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	10:00 South Africa Tour of India 2015	8:00 Race of Life
9:00 Man Vs. Wild Reloaded	11:00 West Indies Tour of New Zealand 2018 H/ls : 2nd T20	8:30 Race of Life : The Big Cats
10:00 Bear Grylls: Survival School		9:00 Primal Survivor : Thin Air
10:30 American Digger		10:00 Mangalyaan
11:00 Naked and Afraid		
7:00 pm Golmaal No. 21	7:00 pm Mahaganapathi	7:00 pm Kaveri
8:30 Oggy and the Cockroaches	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jaani	7:30 Avalu
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:00 Avaril Oraal	8:00 Nandini
9:30 Horrid Henry	8:30 Shaneeswaran	9:00 Jeevanadhi
10:00 Ben 10	9:00 Nandini	9:30 Doddamane Sose
11:00 Dragon Ball Z: Super Android	9:30 Ayalathe Sundari	10:00 Sarayoo
	10:00 Premam	10:30 Udaya Singer Junior

MOVIES TONIGHT

3:09 pm **Dawn of the Planet of Apes**	5:46 pm **War Dogs**	5:44 pm **Zambezia**
5:56 **Spider-Man 3**	7:44 **The Dictator**	7:06 **Snitch**
9:00 **Tom Yum Goong 2**	9:00 **G.I. Joe: Retaliation**	9:00 **Warm Bodies**
	10:58 **Jack the Giant Slayer**	10:44 **Chasing Mavericks**
5:10 pm **Movie**	2:45 pm **Barsaat**	3:00 pm **Movie**
7:55 **Movie**	5:43 **Welcome**	6:00 **Movie**
9:00 **Movie**	9:00 **International Rowdy**	9:00 **Movie**
5:29 pm **Anaconda**	4:00 pm **Villain**	6:10 pm **Ong Bak 3**
7:26 **Piranha 3DD**	7:30 **Devara Maga**	7:55 **Jai Ho**
9:00 **The Fast And The Furious: Tokyo Drift**	10:00 **Samayakondu Sullu**	11:00 **Mar Mitenge**

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.2)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Expo-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Rotary West School, Dattagalli: 'Rotary Sambhrama,' a day of fun & entertainment, Rtn. B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs chief guest, Rotary West Association President Rtn. S.K. Lakshminarayana presides, **5 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru and The Hebbar Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. Shelvanarayana, Melukote, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantharaja Urs Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.3)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Department of Commerce & Management, MMK&SDM Mahila Maha Vidyalaya and Commerce & Management Teachers' Forum, Mysuru: Workshop on 'e-Commerce,' Dr. H. Nagaraj, Chairman, DoS in Commerce, UoM, inaugurates, Prof. Sainath Malligemadu, Principal of MMK&SDM, presides, Dr. G.H. Mahadeva Swamy and Dr. B.S. Yogesh guests of honour, College premises, **10 am.**

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Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Parur M.S. Gopal Krishna Memorial Concert, Kamatak Classical Vocal by Vid. T.V. Sankaranarayanan, accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar - Violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar - Mridanga, Vid. Sharath Kaushik - Ghata, Sangeetha Kalanidhi K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru and The Hebbar Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. Shelvanarayana, Melukote, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantharaja Urs Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

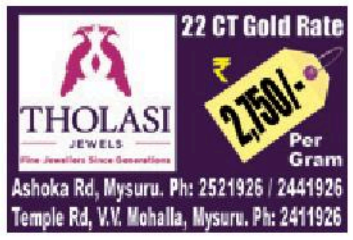
AIR ON WEDNESDAY

6.10 am Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Arivina Shikhara, 7.15 Sponsored Prog., 7.30 Sevavahini, 8.35 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Chitraveena recital by Ravikiran, 11.00 Banuli Shaale, 11.30 Kamanabillu, 12.30 pm Mahila Ranga, 1.00 Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Bandani, 4.00 Film Songs, 4.30 Folk Songs, 5.00 Banuli Shaale, 5.50 Arivina Shikhara, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Quiz, 9.16 Hindi Lesson, 9.30 Vocal Recital by Prof. B.S. Vijayaraghavan, 10.00 Savinenapu.

Release of the book 'Art and Science of Mudras'

Mysuru, Jan.2- The book "Art and Science of Mudras - Healing at your finger tips," authored by Prof. D.V.S. Iyer, will be released by Swami Nityasthanandaji, Senior Swamiji, Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, on Jan.6 at 6 pm at S.P. Bhat Hall, The Institution of Engineers (India), JLB Road, Mysuru under the auspices of Vijay Foundation and The Institution of Engineers, Mysuru.

Dr. Shanthalakshmi R. Iyer, Wellness Expert from Atlanta, GA, USA and R. Narayan, Raghulal Health Mart, Mysuru, will be the guests of honour.



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